

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST WORKSHEET

NOMINATION FORM
for the
NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES, NATIONAL PARKS SERVICEin NR as part of Antietam Battlefield
listing

1. NAME					
COMMON: Burnside Bridge, Lower Bridge					
AND/OR HISTORIC:					
2. LOCATION					
STREET AND NUMBER: Antietam Creek, Antietam National Battlefield Site					
CITY OR TOWN: Sharpsburg vicinity					
STATE Maryland			COUNTY: Washington		
3. CLASSIFICATION					
CATEGORY (Check One)		OWNERSHIP		STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both		Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	<input type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)					
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Educational <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Entertainment		<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Museum		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Park <input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____ _____ _____
Comments _____					
4. OWNER OF PROPERTY					
OWNER'S NAME: Antietam National Battlefield Site (National Park Service)					
STREET AND NUMBER: P. O. Box 158					
CITY OR TOWN: Sharpsburg			STATE: Maryland		
5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION					
COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.: Washington County Court House					
STREET AND NUMBER: West Washington Street					
CITY OR TOWN: Hagerstown			STATE: Maryland		
Title Reference of Current Deed (Book & Pg. #):					
6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS					
TITLE OF SURVEY: National Register of Historic Places					
DATE OF SURVEY: <input type="checkbox"/> Federal <input type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> County <input type="checkbox"/> Local					
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS: Maryland Historical Trust					
STREET AND NUMBER: 21 State Circle					
CITY OR TOWN: Annapolis			STATE: Maryland		

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7. DESCRIPTION	
CONDITION	(Check One) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Excellent <input type="checkbox"/> Good <input type="checkbox"/> Fair <input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated <input type="checkbox"/> Ruins <input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	<div>(Check One) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered < 50% <input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered </div> <div>(Check One) <input type="checkbox"/> Moved <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site </div>
DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE	
<p>Burnside Bridge is located on the Antietam National Battlefield Site. Now used as a foot bridge, the structure once carried the Sharpsburg-Rohrersville Road (now Burnside Bridge Road) across the Antietam Creek about one mile south of Sharpsburg in Washington County, Md.</p> <p>The three-arched structure is constructed of coursed local limestone. According to historians, it was built in 1836 by John Weaver at the cost of \$2300.¹ Burnside Bridge spans the Antietam with three segmental arches resting on piers which display rounded projections at both the up and downstream elevations. The arches are lined with uniformly cut radiating voussoirs. The bridge shows evidence of some modern repointing and new wooden coping tops its walls.</p> <p>Burnside Bridge appears to be in excellent condition. It is listed in the National Register of Historic Places as part of the Antietam National Battlefield Site.</p> <p>The Burnside Bridge Road has been relocated to bypass the bridge which is open only to pedestrians. Also known as the Lower Bridge, the structure was the scene of a major portion of the military action of the Civil War Battle of Antietam fought September 17, 1862.</p>	
<p>¹Washington County Museum of Fine Arts, exhibition catalog, "Bridges: Our Legacy in Stone," Hagerstown, Md.: August-September, 1965, p. 15.</p>	

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8. SIGNIFICANCE**PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)**

- ☐ Pre-Columbian ☐ 16th Century ☐ 18th Century ☐ 20th Century
☐ 15th Century ☐ 17th Century ☒ 19th Century

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) 1836**AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Education | <input type="checkbox"/> Political | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Engineering | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____ |
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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Architecture | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Military | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Transportation | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications | <input type="checkbox"/> Music | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | | | |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Burnside Bridge is significant for its architecture, as an example of the engineering skills of its builder and as an aid to transportation in the county. The bridge has become particularly outstanding for the role it played in a crucial segment of the Civil War Battle of Antietam resulting in the structure having been included in the Antietam National Battlefield Site. As a part of the National Park system, the bridge has been preserved as a monument to the people who fought at Antietam thus receiving social and educational significance.

Further information on the bridge is in the files of the National Register of Historic Places.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Washington County Museum of Fine Arts, exhibition catalog, "Bridges: Our Legacy in Stone," Hagerstown, Md., August-September, 1965.

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

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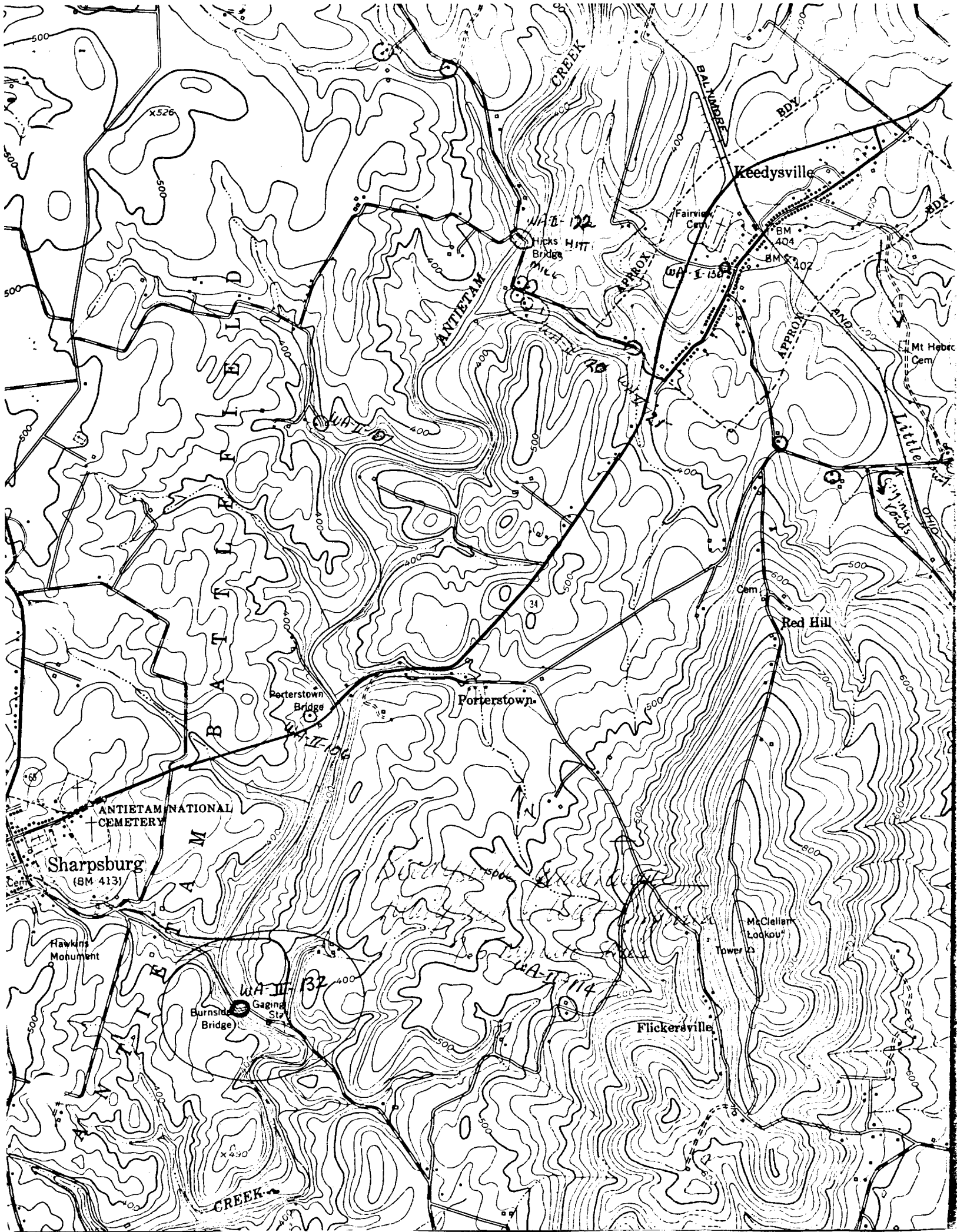
NAME AND TITLE: Paula Stoner Dickey, Consultant		DATE April, 1975
ORGANIZATION Washington County Historical Sites Survey		
STREET AND NUMBER: Court House Annex		
CITY OR TOWN: Hagerstown	STATE Maryland	

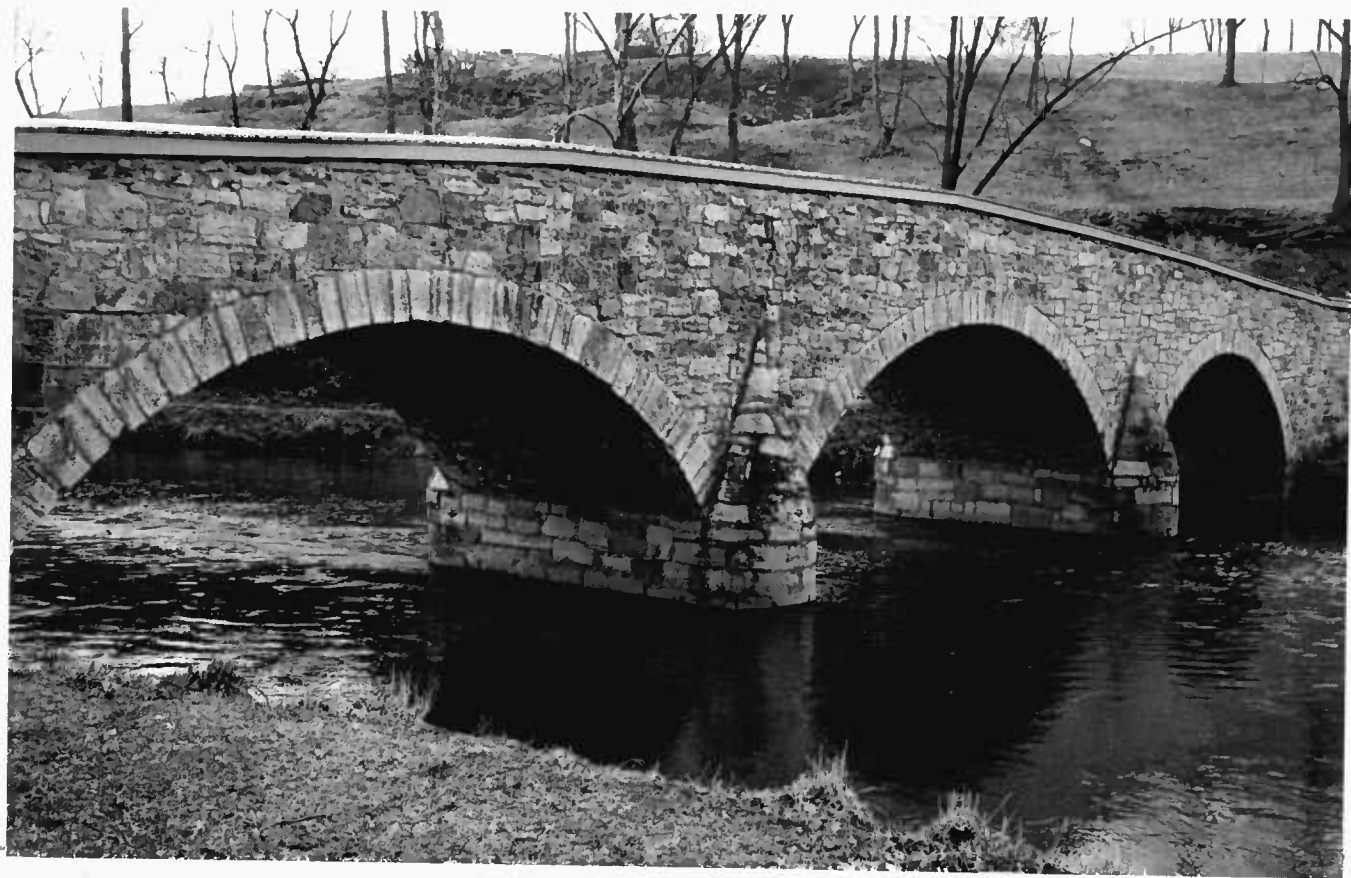
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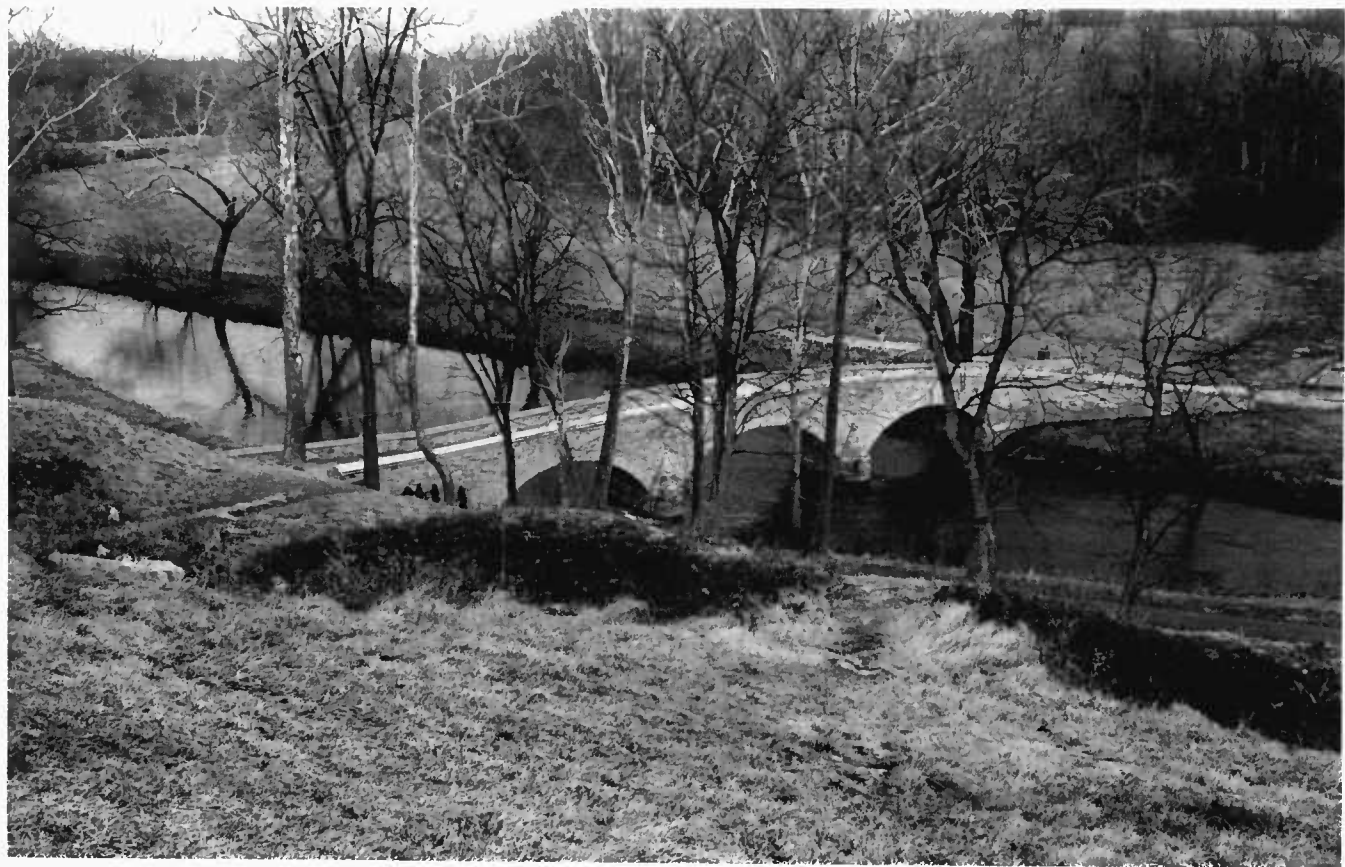
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